Palm Sunday 24 March 2024

Welcome! The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross. The Son of David comes in gentle humility, “sitting on a donkey’s colt,” yet as the King of Israel “in the name of the Lord” (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out “the ruler of this world” and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to “rejoice greatly,” because her King comes with salvation, and “he shall speak peace to the nations” (Zech. 9:9–10). As He is anointed “beforehand for burial” (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as “the King of the Jews” by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17–19, 26). He goes “as it is written of him,” wherefore “you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power” (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has “highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross. We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:
- Paul Albrecht-recovering
- Royce Albrecht-recovering
- Chris Birnbaum-recovering.
- Trey Fritsche-recovering
- Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
- Judy Kalbas
- Claudelle Krska (friend of Antionette Richardson)
- Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
- Conway Whited-recovering (nephew of Brad & Ashley Schmidt)
- Tim Weise-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:
- Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)
- Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)
- Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
- Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)
- Russell Clehorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
- Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)
- Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
- Ian Hailes-great nephew of Marian Wiederhold and Stephen Kasper
- Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
- Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)
- Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)
- Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
- Betty Kildair (aunt of Dorothy Schautschick)
- Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
- Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
- Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schönhoef)
- Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)
- Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)
- Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
- Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt’s from Germany)
- Carol Sander
- Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
- Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)
- Martin Werchan
- Judy Wesbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:
- Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso
- Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Cavazos, TX
- Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia
- Randall Weise (grandson of Bernie Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
- Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC
- Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
- Manuel Camacho (friend of Randy & Janice Becker) active Reserves

Rain

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.
The Order of Service—Page 184 of the hymnal
The Hymns: 837, 442, 781 v. 1&2, 441,443
Sermon Text: Romans 15:5
The Sermon: “Connected”

- The Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Confirmands by their parents.
- Thank You to all who supported our Fish Fry Fundraiser on Sunday, March 17th. It was a huge success and we appreciate all who bought plates, all who made donations, and also the many volunteers who made it happen.
- The Church Office will be closed on Good Friday, March 29, 2024.
- The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m., and again at the morning service on Good Friday, March 29th at 9:00 a.m. Please register by the day before by filling out a communion card or call the Church office.
- Easter Lilies. The LWML is taking orders for Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. The order form is available from the ushers this morning. Orders are due by Monday, March 25th. Due to availability, no orders will be accepted after March 25th. The cost of the lilies is $12.00 each.
- Easter Egg Hunt. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the school for Nursery I through Kindergarten.
- Easter Breakfast: Plan to come and make a full morning of the Easter celebration. The LAF group will be sponsoring our Easter breakfast. Serving will begin at the conclusion of the Sunrise service approximately 7:30 a.m. A free will donation will be received
- DVD's are available for Palm Sunday. If you would like a DVD please contact the church office at 979-366-9650. Cost of a DVD is $10.
- Confirmation Cards. There are Confirmation cards available in the church office. Price of cards is $.50/each.
- The Warda Bunch Show Fund will have a BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 13th. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-4lbs for $10.50/lb. 16oz. Cups of sauce are available for $3.00 each. Orders will be taken for the number of pieces you would like (not by the pound). Pick up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 4PM-6PM. Pre Orders only by calling the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 by WEDNESDAY APRIL 3rd. Proceeds go toward continued support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.
- A Special Voter’s meeting will be held after the service on Sunday, April 7th to extend a call to Tyler J. Koop to serve as Principal. His Information is below:
  Tyler J. Kopp – Tyler grew up in Jefferson City, Missouri. He attended Concordia University, Seward graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 2004 and then master’s in education in 2011 also from Concordia University, Seward. He married Amy L. Ager in 2004 and this union is blessed with two children (a son and a daughter). He has served St. Paul Lutheran School in Des Peres, MO from 2004-2012. He then moved to St. Peter’s Lutheran, Fort Wayne, IN from 2012-2017 serving as their principal. He then taught 4th grade at Jefferson City Public School in 2017-2018. Currently he is serving as principal at Immanuel Lutheran School, Jefferson City, MO since 2018.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 31st, “Eucatastrophe”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but they hope to achieve it is a much different story. (Mark 16:6-7). Hear The Lutheran Hour each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:
March 24 – Palm Sunday/Passion of Our Lord
Sinful nature prizes popularity, property, and power. It despises dependence and discards aging or gestating neighbors because of it. But Jesus proves that God has designed humankind to reply on Him and each other. His salvation comes about by humbly and happily entrusting oneself to an Almighty Father (Philippians 2:6-8). We need not take life and death into our own hands when we can rest upon His.
Serving today:

Elders – David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist - Susan Michael
Acolytes - Jagger Garner and Lane Gersch
Crucifer: Kylie Schmidt
Head Ushers - Donald Becker
Captain - Craig Oltmann  Assistant - Payton Oltmann
Ushers - Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,
        Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann,
        David Michael, Nathan Michael, Austin Schmidt

Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman - Rex Perry
Philipp Tharp, Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze

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THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today  Palm Sunday Worship Service
       w/Rite of Confirmation - 9:00 a.m.

Monday  Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
       Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
       Maundy Thursday Chapel Service – 8:30 a.m.
       Early Dismissal – 11:45 a.m.
       **Maundy Thursday Worship Service w/Communion** –
       7:00 p.m.

Acolytes: Trenton Grange and Alice Gurka
Greeter: Marian Wiederhold

Friday  No School
       ECC Closed
       **Good Friday Worship Service w/Communion** –
       9:00 a.m.

Acolytes: Cooper Hinze and Lukas Iselt
Greeter: Nancy Beckcom

**Good Friday Service of Darkness** – 7:00 p.m.
Acolytes: Cole Kalbas and Tucker Kalbas
Greeter: Joyce Hinze

Next Sunday  **Easter Sunrise Worship Service** – 6:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Hudson Short and Jozlyn Perry
Greeter: Judy Boriack
Easter Breakfast – 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School – 8:15 a.m.
**Easter Festival Worship Service** – 9:00 a.m.
Acolytes: Elizabeth Richardson and Nathan Schastschick
Greeter: Melodi Oltmann

bindValue Pictorial Directory: Plans are underway for our 2024 Pictorial Directory. Photography dates for the directory will be June 17 – June 23 and July 15 – July 21. Sign up for photography times. Sign-up sheets will be in the church office beginning Sunday April 7. Check your calendars and get ready to come and be a part of this 2024 edition of the directory.

Here is the link for sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4F4AA29A2F8CF8-48684408-stpaul

ST. PAUL NOTES:
Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (3/13/2024)- 86, Morning Worship- 231, Communion- 108, Bible Class- 28; Sunday School- 28, Banner Classes: 2nd grade, Offering- $22.00.

Offering Last Week: $26,512.03
Home: 
- General $6,979.50 
- Sunday School $22.00 
- Lunch Room $1,030.00 
- ECC Operating $10,682.93 
- Tuition $6,590.60 
Mission: 
- Mission $505.00 
- Lutheran Hour $55.00 
- Concordia St. Louis $248.50 
- Concordia Ft. Wayne $248.50 
Received 3/17/2024 $25,305.03 
Mission Total $1,057.00 
Savings/Other: 
- School Fund $150.00 
- Savings/Other Total $150.00 
Est. needed per week $29,635.00 
Est. needed per month $128,417.00 
Received MTD $84,538.25 
Total $26,512.03 

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Elmo Schulze by Daryl & Patty Schulze & Eric - $200.00; by Jan Wiederhold - $250.00; by Bill & Julia Volk & Nathan - $50.00. In memory of Herman Gersch and Monroe Becker by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - $200.00. Lutheran Hour: In memory of Frieda Wennecke by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - $30.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - $25.00. School Fund: In memory of Robert House by Arthur & Dianna Noack - $50.00. In memory of Billy Losey by Arthur & Laverne Urban - $100.00
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Join us for our continuing observance of the Passion of our Lord.

**HOLY WEEK**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**
March 28
Worship w/Communion
7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**
March 29
Worship w/ Communion  
Service of Darkness
9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

**EASTER DAY**
March 31
Easter Sunrise Service
6:30 a.m.
Festival Worship
9:00 a.m.

**REGISTER NOW for VBS June 10th -14th!**  
We're having a party- a party to celebrate the Savior- and you're invited! Of all the blessings God gives us, His Son, Jesus is the biggest reason to celebrate! **Register before APRIL 1st to receive a FREE VBS t-shirt!** You will be able to pick up your VBS shirt on the first day of VBS. **Volunteer for VBS** Please let Krista Rodriguez know if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer. (979-716-0143).
FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale
Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on March 29th at the Classic Bank parking lot in Giddings! Cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, homemade bread, and more will be available from 8 AM till noon, or until we sell out.

*BAKERS ARE NEEDED!* We need your help to make this event a success! Donations of any type of baked goods or homemade treats are welcome!

*DROP OFF LOCATIONS!* You may drop off donations on Wednesday and Thursday, March 27th and 28th, at Faith Lutheran High School, at Medack and Oltmann in Giddings, at Schiavone and Bamsch in La Grange, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

Thrivent Choice Dollars
If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Faith, you can help us continue in our mission of Instilling Wisdom Today for Faithful Leaders Tomorrow! The deadline to designate your choice dollars from 2023 is March 31, 2024.

Busy Night? Dinner’s On Us
FLHS Booster’s Club is selling Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available for pick-up at Warda, Serbin, La Grange, or Giddings on Monday, April 15th. Pre-order by Monday, April 8th. A 9X13 is $35 and an 8X8 is $20. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS to order yours today!

New Student Registration
Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. Five new students have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

Scholarship Opportunities
Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2024. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch (cyndy.zoch@gmail.com) and are due May 1, 2024.
CALANDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 24...Confirmation Sunday
Mar 28...End of 5th Six-Weeks
Mar 31...Easter Sunday Celebration
Apr 1...Easter Monday — NO SCHOOL
Apr 5...Giddings K-4 Field Day
Apr 8-12...Achievement Test Week
Apr 12...Science Night of Family Fun 5:30-7:30 PM

From the Principal’s Desk...

Keep working on those Science Night of Family Fun projects—SNFF is only three weeks away!

Candy donation for next Thursday’s Easter Egg Hunt were due today! Bring any last minute donations of candy or cash on Monday!

Early Dismissal next Thursday at 11:45 AM, No School on Good Friday 3/29 as we begin our Easter celebration!

Have a safe & blessed Holy Week! — Jim House, Principal

EASTER EGG HUNT...The annual St. Paul Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt will be held next Thursday, March 28th at 11:00 AM. Students in Grades K-2 will hunt eggs on the playground, Gr. 3-5 hunt at the Log Cabin, and Gr. 6-8 hunt at the Picnic Grounds. Thank you to all our school families who have already brought in their donations of individually wrapped candies or who made a cash donation that will be used to purchase items for the hunt. If you forget your donation, you can still bring a donation to the office next week. Thanks for making this year’s Easter Egg Hunt a memorable event for the students!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER BREAK...Please take note of the special early dismissal and school closures taking place next week for Holy Week and Easter Break:

• Maundy Thursday (3/28) — school DISMISSES EARLY AT 11:45 AM
  Following the Easter Egg Hunt; bus routes will run accordingly; parents should pick up children by 12:00 noon.
• Good Friday (3/29) — NO SCHOOL.
• Easter Monday (3/31) — NO SCHOOL.
  Classes will resume on Thursday, April 3rd at 8:00 AM.

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS...We’re still waiting on several families to return their 2024-25 Re-Enrollment Forms—If you are one, please return your form before Easter Break! Remember, everyone is required to return the form, even if your re-enrollment plans are undecided at this time. If you misplaced your form, additional forms are available on the school website. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!
SPECIAL CHAPEL SERVICE... March 24-30 is Holy Week. As we focus and remember the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus, we will hold a special Maundy Thursday Chapel Service on Thursday, March 28th at 8:30 AM at the church. We encourage parents to join the students and faculty as we worship our God and give him praise for his amazing sacrifice for us.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES... As we begin our observation of the Passion of our Lord Jesus, we invite and encourage the families of St. Paul to attend worship services with us at St. Paul Lutheran the week of March 24-30:
- **Maundy Thursday, March 28**, we reflect on Christ’s suffering in Gethsemane and the gift of the Lord’s Supper @8:00 AM Worship Service
- **Good Friday, March 29**, “Love from the Passion”—we remember the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ on Calvary’s cross @9:00 AM Worship Service
- **Good Friday, March 29**, Service of Darkness—we remember the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ on Calvary’s cross @7:00 PM Service

Come join us in worship and fellowship on those special days.

LUTHERAN FIELD DAY... In two weeks on Friday, April 5th, our Voyager K-4 students will participate in the annual Immanuel Lutheran K-4 Field Day at Immanuel-Giddings from 12:00-3:00 PM. We will have fun participating in a variety of events with the students from the other area Lutheran schools. We will be transporting students to Field Day via the St. Paul busses. However, parents, please remember—YOU are responsible for securing transportation HOME for your children from the event on Friday, April 5th (we suggest you arrive by 2:30 PM to avoid traffic congestion). An information letter will be coming home next week listing the events in which your child will participate, times for the events, info re: concessions available for purchase, etc. If you have any questions contact Mrs. Finsche or Mrs. Gierka. Plan to join us for the K-4 Field Day fun!

PROPER SHOES NEEDED... As we practice for Field Day during the next two weeks, please make sure your child wears athletic shoes for daily Phys Ed. classes. It’s hard to run and jump in sandals and boots! Thanks for helping us out.

SCIENCE NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN... is only three weeks away on Friday, April 12th from 5:30-7:30 PM in the gym. You should begin putting the final touches on your projects during the next two weeks—collecting and analyzing your data, writing your conclusion, and securing your display board. We will be talking more next week about how to prepare your materials for your display board and finalize your presentation. If you have questions or need help or advice about some aspect of your experiment or investigation, contact Mr. House or your child’s teacher. We look forward to seeing your work at Science Night of Family Fun on April 12th!

We understand some conflicts have arisen regarding the date for Science Night of Family Fun. We’re exploring some alternative dates for those individuals who may not be able to attend on April 12th. Watch for more details next week about possible options.

NEW ENROLLMENTS... Applications are available for new families who wish to enroll for the first time at St. Paul Lutheran School for the 2024-25 school year. Several new families have expressed interest in enrollment. If you have a friend, relative, or neighbor who desires a quality Christian education for their child, pass this word along and encourage them to enroll at SPS.

HAVE ‘EM CHECK US OUT... As you talk to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers about St. Paul–Seibin, have them check out our school website at www.stpaulseibin.org, or check us out on our Facebook page. We continually update the site with lots of pictures, activity schedules, and important information sought by inquiring families. Also, prospective families can click on and download enrollment applications or request additional information online via email. Encourage them (and yourself) to “check us out” on the internet.

HAVE A BLESSED HOLY WEEK!... Here’s wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and blessed Holy Week! Give me a call or stop by the office if I can help in any way!

Your partner in Christ,
James L. House, Principal
ECE—Phone (979)-366-2870

The hours of operation for St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Center is from 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Please try to pick your child(ren) up from the center by 5:45 p.m. so you do not incur a late fee.)

Please contact us as soon as possible when you know your child will not be in attendance.

Chapel Time
Each week on Wednesday, we have Chapel with Pastor Schmidt at 8:30 a.m. in the church. You are more than welcome to join us for this special time with Jesus!

Baptism Birthdays Celebrated
Isabelle K-16
Clayton T-24

Mark Your Calendar
April 22- Earth Day
April 26- Bubble Day
May 6-10- Teacher appreciation week
May 13- Muffins for Moms
May 17- Rainbow Day
May 19- Pre-K Graduation
May 26- Serbin Picnic
May 27- Closed for memorial day

Song of the Month
Glory, Glory, Lord Jesus
Refrain
Glory, Glory, Lord Jesus
Glory, Glory, Lord Jesus
Glory, Glory, Lord Jesus
Lord Jesus is Alive.

He died on a Cross
He died on a Cross
He died for you and me.

Refrain
Heavenly Father, He raised Him
Heavenly Father, He raised Him
Heavenly Father, He raised Him
Lord Jesus is Alive

Refrain

Special Thank You
John and Ashley Hinze—snacks for staff.
Patrick and Meghan Lange—Birthday Cookies and Birthday cupcakes.
Clint and Gabrielle Tinart—Birthday cupcakes.
Jesus and Joanne Ramirez—Birthday cupcakes.
Chase and Hattie Nall—donated Two’s Bench.
Ryan and Alicia Mezba—Paint for two’s bench.

Thank you all so very much for any monetary gifts or donations given through the church offering. If for some reason we have inadvertently missed a donated gift we are so sorry, but truly thank you for your donation!